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I noted the comments about the Clearing House in Science of 15 September, which discussed the situation of scientists especially in Argentina. In this context I have a specific request for information about a former graduate student of mine, who seems to have disappeared from the Argentine scene.

This student, Mrs. Gladys Mazzei de Planas had studied with me twice for a master's degree, once in 1969 and again in 1972. The first time her stay was for about half a year, after which she was obliged to return home due to pressure from there. The second time she had leave very suddenly after one month within one day after receiving a letter from home. She left all her papers and unfinished thesis. I recall that in 1972 she arrived here two days late, because she had been held up at the Buenos Aires airport. She also had run into difficulties in 1968-9 because of a paper in Science, which had been submitted by her and a colleague at Purdue University. The reason was: the hostility of publishing in an American journal, I was told.

This student was excellent in her work, mature and innovative. As to her political opinions I am unfamiliar except to say that she appeared to be liberal in outlook, patriotic and a bit chauvinistic as most Latinos seem to be. However I have lost track of her, even though we had agreed to complete her thesis by mail. I only have received two rather nasty and insulting letters shortly after her departure, which makes me think that this student had been placed under intense political pressure, perhaps because her husband at that time was a prominent member of the Colon Theater orchestra in Buenos Aires.

Her last known place of employment was at the Centro de Ecofisiologia Vegetal, Serrano 661 and her last known residence was at Pasteur 460, 3^oD, both in Buenos Aires. She had apparently an unlisted and unlicensed telephone. Should you be able to locate any information about this student, both myself and our Foreign Student Office would be appreciative.

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